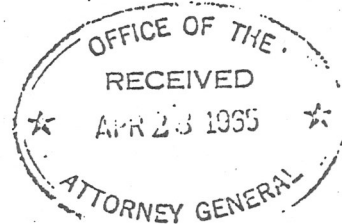


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Hon. Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter that I received from the Chief Justice with regard to a letter he received from attorneys Kilgore & Kilgore of Dallas, Texas, regarding the Oswald guns, together with my response to Messrs. Kilgore.

I talked to Mr. Waggoner Carr about these letters and my proposed response, and he said he was in complete agreement with the Commission's position that all of the physical evidence relating to the proof of the participation of Lee Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy should be retained by the United States Government for an indefinite period.

Should you decide to recommend legislation on this subject, I am sure that the members of the Commission, or myself if they desire it, will be pleased to cooperate in urging that such legislation be passed.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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